Task Force to examine education related issues

4400. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has decided to provide higher education and has given a mandate to the task force that has been set up to examine a wide range of education-related issues;

(b) if so, whether the Task Force has been asked to examine student-related issues, including commercialization of education, expansion of professional education and the impact of inflation on recipients of scholarships;

(c) whether the Task Force has submitted its interim report to Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how many of its suggestions have been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) and (b) The Government has constituted a Task Force on 26th February, 2003, under the Chairmanship of Shri Anand Sarup, Former Secretary (Education), Government of India, to examine various issues affecting the student community, including, *inter-alia*,commercialisation of education and ways of curbing the same through measures like rationalization of fee structure in various courses in the country, impact of inflation on recipients of scholarship and possibility of linking scholarships to the price index, and expansion of professional education. The Task Force is required to submit its recommendations within six months from the date of its constitution.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Working procedure of Central Hindi Directorate

†4401. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the working procedure of Central Hindi Directorate and Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, as appeared in the media;

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(b) if so, the action taken or being taken to streamline functioning of Central Hindi Directorate and Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology in the given context; and

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(c) the reasons for not getting verified the character and deeds of guilty officials alongwith the steps going to be taken for prompt inquiry into this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) It is not indicated which specific media item is being referred to.

However, streamlining the functioning of various government institutions including the Central Hindi Directorate (CHD) and the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) through evaluation and periodic review is an ongoing process.

Any officials found guilty of improper conduct are proceeded against as per rules and procedure.

Value based education

4402. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government agree that unemployment has contributed to the growing violence in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are laying emphasis on value-based education which should cater to the needs of the unemployed youth;

(c) whether Government also agree that education system should create new avenues of employment; and

(d) if so, what measures Government have taken or are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 (revised in 1992) and its Programme of Action 1992 has laid considerable emphasis on value education by highlighting the need to make education a forceful tool for cultivation of social and moral values, foster universal and eternal values oriented towards the unity and integration and to help eliminate obscurantism, fanaticism, violence, superstition and fatalism. In fulfillment of these objectives of NPE, a scheme of assistance for